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TOHAK 79

TO: RALPH SIGLER FOR LARRY EAGLEBURGER

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MARCH 3, 1974

TO: GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: AMBASSADOR EILTS, CAIRO 122

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO THE SECRETARY:

2. WHEN MEETING WITH SADAT AND FAHMY EARLIER TODAY, SADAT STRESSED HIS NEED FOR A DEFENSE ATTACHE TO ARRIVE SOONEST. HE SAID YOU HAD TOLD HIM THAT YOU WOULD ARRANGE TO SEND A BRIGADIER GENERAL (WHOSE NAME HE DID NOT RECALL) FROM PARIS IN ABOUT THREE WEEKS TIME. THIS, I ASSUME, IS THE MAN YOU TOLD ME ABOUT. SADAT SAID HE IS CONCERNED THAT HE NOT BE MISUNDERSTOOD IN PENTAGON AND IS THEREFORE ANXIOUS HAVE SUCH OFFICER AS SOON AS YOU ARE ABLE TO ARRANGE IT.

3. I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK THE PRESIDENT ABOUT AN ARTICLE IN TODAY'S AHAM (HIS FRIEND ALI AMIN'S PAPER) REPORTING, INTER ALIA, THAT US ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE ATTACHES WILL SOON BE SENT. WAS THIS REALLY HIS WISH? I RECALLED THAT YOU AND I HAD DISCUSSED MILITARY REPRESENTATION AT OUR REESTABLISHED EMBASSY AND HAD AGREED IT SHOULD BE SMALL AND LOW PROFILE. I HAD IN FACT SUGGESTED ONE DEFENSE ATTACHE, ONE ASSISTANT, ONE ADMINISTRATIVE NCO AND A SECRETARY. SADAT SAID THIS IS EXACTLY HIS VIEW. HE SAW NO NEED FOR LARGE MILITARY REPRESENTATION AT THIS TIME AND THOUGHT THE NUMBER I HAD RECOMMENDED WAS JUST RIGHT, SO LONG AS THE PERSONNEL ARE "HONEST AND RELIABLE." HE STRESSED THAT IT IS NEITHER IN USG NOR EGYPTIAN INTERESTS AT THIS TIME TO SEND A LARGE MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT. WE CAN AGAIN LOOK AT MILITARY STAFFING IN "EIGHT OR NINE MONTHS TIME" AS OUR RELATIONSHIPS EVOLVE.

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4. I ASKED SADAT IF I COULD INDICATE THAT THIS IS HIS WISH. HE REPLIED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

5. PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHEN THE DEFENSE ATTACHE YOU MENTIONED TO HIM MAY BE EXPECTED HERE SINCE WE WILL HAVE SOME HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS TO WORK OUT. HOUSE PREVIOUSLY USED BY DEFENSE ATTACHE HAS FOR PAST SEVERAL YEARS BEEN OCCUPIED BY NAMRU CHIEF, WHO IS NOT SCHEDULE TO LEAVE UNTIL JUNE. IN VIEW INADEQUACY OF MY PRESENT RESIDENCE, I HAD RATHER HOPE THAT, IF NOTHING ELSE CAN BE FOUND MORE CONVENIENTLY LOCATED, I MIGHT MOVE INTO THAT MAADI RESIDENCE MYSELF. IF THIS MATERIALIZES, IT WILL REQUIRE SOME HOUSING EXCHANGE WITH DOD/DIA.

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*Suggested reply attached**approve**as attached*

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HAKTO

FOR SCOWCROFT FROM THE SECRETARY

RE: TOHAK 79

1. You should call Schlesinger immediately and tell him that I have agreed with Sadat to the establishment of a small Defense Attache office at our Embassy in Cairo. We have Sadat's agreement to an office consisting of one Defense Attache, one assistant, one administrative ~~NX~~ NCO and a secretary.

2. You should tell Schlesinger that I would like to have Brigadier General Guay assigned to Cairo as the Defense Attache as soon as possible. You should also ask Schlesinger to have the Pentagon propose to us a qualified deputy from another Service; the administrative NCO and secretary can be chosen through the normal procedures.

END.

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